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city, and to attempt to carry out the abominable program. That it did not, does not relieve it from the reproach that will attach to it forever. In another column will be found an account of the incident, and the strictures of a sister-city in the Golden State, upon the man and the matter.

MANUMISSION FROM SUPERSTITION. Not a single clergyman within our knowledge has arisen to announce that the devastation of San Francisco was a divine punishment for the "iniquity of its inhabitants." No better proof could be given that theological superstition is dying out, and a saner and more humane conception of the ordinances of the Creator is taking the place of the primitive idea that God is a personal avenger in this life for lapses from righteousness. With the disappearance of superstition has come a liberation of the minds of mankind from unreasoning terror of the elements. People now realize that the collapse of an insecurely constructed building is not a visitation of God's wrath for somebody else's misdoing, but a direct and natural result of faulty plans and indifference to consequence. Now that the clergy have ceased to ascribe to the diety the consequences of human greed and folly, the ground is cleared for more wholesome laws and regulations to govern construction. Incompetent architects and dishonest contractors must bear the responsibility for the disasters they cause when the pulpit declines to vindicate them by putting the blame on a cruel and revengeful God.—Oakland Tribune.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

It is sad to send an attractive reformer like La Follette to the senate to deliver a 95,000 word speech that nobody hears and nobody prints. At this distance it looks as if "a little man by the name of Funston" again has shown the stuff of which heroes are made.

The brevity of human life is illustrated by the fact that it takes about two average lifetimes to finish Paul Jones' funeral. The senate would certainly have the laugh on its constitutional lawyer if, after all, the Hepburn rate bill should be sent back to the house of representatives unamended.

Of course, the real explanation is that earthquakes, volcanoes and sun-spots are caused by rotary and circumferential slipping of the thoughts of those scientific experts.

If the Federal Government really means to clean up the Coal Trust, it is probably wise in having Mr. Hughes curry it, rather than letting Mr. Garfield give it an immunity bath.

The Massachusetts Legislature is considering a Greater Boston movement. Of course, nothing could be greater than Boston, but can the world of thought stand more Boston?

There is a general revival of Miss Anthony's famous saying that God never made a man good enough to govern a woman without her consent. And she never went back on it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Senator Lodge proposes imprisonment for railroad managers guilty of grafting rebates. This is clearly unconstitutional, on the ground of "cruel and unusual" punishment, particularly "unusual."—Washington Post.

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar. Mr. Wm. Thos. Lonorgan, provincial Constable at Chapeau, Ontario, says: "I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamp last fall. Hearing of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured." This remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds. It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than by any other treatment and is a favorite wherever its superior excellence has become known. For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

Richmond's Mayor who says that for him "there are but two flags, the State of Virginia and the battle flag of the Confederacy," has not alarmed anybody about the safety of the Union. He has only made a fool of himself.—New York World.

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State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. H. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. H. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April, 1906. GEORGE C. FULTON, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts \$358,101.86; Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 4,537.71; U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00; Bonds, securities, etc 74,550.00; Other real estate owned 3,900.00; Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 16,064.76; Due from State Banks and Bankers 70,832.63; Due from approved reserve agents 170,912.94; Checks and other cash items 740.41; Notes of other National Banks 20.00; Nickles and cents 392.56; Lawful money reserve in bank via: Specie \$111,000.00; Legal tender notes 20.00; Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 1,250.00; Total \$823,052.87. LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in 50,000.00; Surplus fund 60,000.00; Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 19,300.33; National Bank notes outstanding 12,500.00; Individual deposits subject to check \$542,916.35; Demand certificates of deposit 138,201.19; Certified checks 75.00; Total \$823,052.87.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of April, 1906. V. BOELLING, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, J. WESLEY LADD, Directors.

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THE ASTORIA SEASON.

Astoria's day is at hand. Superb weather, the mitigation of the cloud and chill of winter, the fitting first tourists, the Sunday excursions from the metropolis, the gathering activity of the summer enterprises of all kinds, indicate the approach and fulfillment of the Astoria season. Let it come. The city and her people are ready to make good in all ways, to give her best and heartiest greeting to everyone; to be receptive in all ways, and to maintain her name and fame as the clearest, best-natured, and most reasonable watering-place-population on the Pacific coast. It is up to us, and if we can't pass it to the limit of universal approbation, why don't come to see us next year, that's all!

LOS ANGELES ALONE.

It remained for the beautiful city of the Angles, the semi-tropical capital of the State of California, to furnish the one, mean episode in the magnificent history of the San Francisco holocaust to date. It was the first and only city in the country to talk about shutting its gates against the fleeing and impoverished refugees from the stricken